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Feedback on NBRC Strategic Plan

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Mark,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the NBRC Strategic Plan. In total, I think the plan does an excellent job identifying priorities and strategies and setting high standards for performance. The priorities align nicely with the Northern Vermont Economic Development District CEDS priorities. I offer two comments for your consideration.

Ensuring the institutions that support economic development in the northern border region are strong and have needed resources is crucial. Without a vehicle to deliver job training, employer recruitment, business lending, etc., the strategies will be move difficult to implement. Having an explicit strategy surrounding this would be helpful.

The data on income, from the American Community Survey data in rural areas has limitations on accuracy and a large margin of error.

In communities with high seasonal populations of typically higher wealth than year round residents, this issue can be exacerbated. Acknowledging this as part of the distress analysis will be helpful.

Thanks again for the opportunity to comment- we look forward to the next five years of partnership with the NBRC.

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